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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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> Application No. 09/582,874 Technology Center 2600

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Before PAMELA S. BENNETT, Review Team Paralegal.
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 9, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter requiring attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER, HEADINGS

A review of the file indicates that the Examiner's Answer filed February 14, 2006 does not comply with the guidelines provided in the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) (Eighth Edition, Rev. 4, October 2005) § 1207.02 because it does not contain all of the required heading items. Specifically, the Examiner's Answer is missing the heading "(1) *Real party in interest.*"

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to issue a PTOL-90 which corrects the Examiner's Answer mailed February 14, 2006 by providing the "(1) Real party in interest"; and
 - 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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